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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DRYING CLOTHES

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EP 1 321 562 discloses that the drying method has drying air at a variable temperature supplied to the textiles (5) during their movement, with monitoring of the textiles moisture content, the temperature of the drying air and/or the intensity of the textiles movement reduced when the moisture content drops, e.g. in proportion to the drop in the moisture content. <??>An Independent claim for a device for drying textiles is also included.

DE 199 06 719 discloses that the drying phase ends after 5-25% residual moisture has been achieved. The residual moisture is preferably 10-15%. The laundry drum is kept moving over 90% of the drying time.

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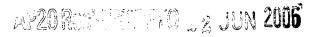
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